

All records you have requested are exempt from disclosure as follows:

- Records of complaints to, or investigations conducted by, or records of intelligence information or security procedures of, the office of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice, the Office of Emergency Services and any state or local police agency, or any investigatory or security files compiled by any other state or local police agency, or any investigatory or security files compiled by any other state or local agency for correctional, law enforcement, or licensing purposes. (Govt. Code sec. 6254(f); Haynie v. Superior Court (2001) 26 Cal.4th 1061; Rackauckas v. Superior Court (2002) 104 Cal.App.4th 169.)
- Official information, the disclosure of which is against the public interest because there is a necessity for preserving the confidentiality of the information that outweighs the necessity for disclosure in the interest of justice. (Govt. Code sec. 6254(k); Evidence Code sec. 1040(b)(2); Commission on Peace Officer Standards & Training v. Superior Court (2007) 42 Cal.4th 278, 289.) The public interest in disclosure is clearly outweighed by the public interest in withholding this information in light of the public's strong interests in ensuring thorough investigation of crimes, avoiding the chilling effect on witnesses that would result if their interviews and comments were released, and protecting the need for investigators and law enforcement officers to hold open and frank discussions about charging and prosecution decisions.
- Information that may expose the County's decisionmaking process in such a way as to discourage candid discussion. The public interest in withholding these records clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure, in light of the public's interest in the County maintaining the privacy of records pertaining to pending agency action and/or encouraging the candid discussion of legal or policy matters amongst County officials. (Govt. Code secs. 6254(a), 6255; Times Mirror Company v. Superior Court (1991) 53 Cal.3d 1325; California First Amendment Coalition v. Superior Court (1998) 67 Cal.App.4th 159.)
- Preliminary drafts, notes, and interagency or intra-agency memoranda that are not retained by the County in the ordinary course of business. (Govt. Code secs. 6254(a) and 6255.) The public interest in withholding these records clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure, in light of the public's interest in the County maintaining the privacy of records pertaining to pending agency action and/or encouraging the candid discussion of legal or policy matters amongst County officials.

To the extent that your request seeks official court documents, your request must be directed to the Napa County Superior Court. The relevant case number pertaining to your request is CR182796.

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